

President Wilson at Indianapolis.  
From the Baltimore Sun.

The most interesting feature of the President's address at Indianapolis was his reference to the independent voter. So far as we know, no President of the United States has ever before been so frank regarding this matter. Others may have acknowledged that the independents form the balance of power—or have known it if they did not acknowledge it—none other has said that the things they want are the things he wants. None other, as there is between the party led by Roosevelt and the party led by Taft. The independent refuses to let a party name tie him to principles and policies to which he objects.

Independent voting tends to purify the great political parties. They must cater to the independent vote, even as the President of the United States is now catering to it, openly and unashamedly. So thoroughly identified himself with them in spirit. Curtis and Godkin and Wallis would have rejoiced to see this day.

Parties are, of course, necessary to government in this country, but the little group of independents is equally necessary. It is really inaccurate to speak of them as nonpartisan; they have strong prepossessions and prejudices and are anything but neutral about anything. Intrinsically they are not infrequently more regular than the party man who boasts of his regularity; the regularity of the one is a matter of substance of the other a matter of form. Parties themselves change from day to day. Between the party which would make Bryan President and the party which would place Parker in that office there is a great intrinsic difference. If it tends to keep the parties pure in the matter of adherence to principle it is even more necessary to keep them pure in the matter of common honesty—that is, to hold the political machine in restraint. The object of the machine is to control government regardless of public opinion. It is thus in direct antagonism to the purpose of a political party, which is to control government in accordance with public opinion. Party ties, then, are absolutely not binding when a machine gets control of a party and perverts it to its own uses. More and more the people are coming to realize this. Party ties do not bind as they used to. Colonel Roosevelt and his Progressive party movement contributed greatly to the spread of right thought on this subject.

This and more the President has seen, as his speech indicated. We share his ambition to make every independent voter in the country a Democratic voter—so long as that party remains as it is at present, so long as it stands for the things Woodrow Wilson stands for, so long as it proves as effective in administration as it has been during the last two years. When it departs from these standards we hope that the independent voters will depart from it, for thus will the party learn the error of its ways and the more quickly return to the paths of righteousness.

President Wilson's speech was not only an able argument, but it also contained some news. Few people, we believe, realized that the Federal Trade Commission is among other things, a tariff commission. We are glad that it is. The Democratic party in the last two years has been placed in a rather unfortunate position with regard to this matter. Whether we have or have not a tariff commission, the country must have a policy concerning the tariff. A commission can gather information, but when the time comes to interpret that information and to fix the rates Congress must say whether they shall be fixed from the revenue standpoint or from the protection standpoint. The issue in the 1912 campaign was whether we should have a revenue tariff or a protection tariff. The opponents of the former, realizing that popular opinion was against them, sought to confuse the issue by talking of a commission and in order to prevent the confusion of issues the Democrats were obliged to appear as opposing a commission. They never did object to a scientific investigation of the various schedules, and now they have taken opportunity to provide for this.

The President put the case for the ship purchase bill as strongly as it could be put in so few words. An emergency exists—this is a temporary measure of relief—if not this, what? Such was his argument. That discussion of such a measure can be and ought to be helpful is evident. There are several provisions of the bill now before the Senate the scope and importance, and possibly the danger, of which have not been appreciated either by Congress or the people of the United States. These features should be thoroughly debated. But after the President's straightforward talk, and his straightforward challenge to those who propose to beat the bill by filibustering, we doubt if any unreasonable delays will be tolerated. At any rate, we should not like to be the Senator responsible for them.

It is not possible to comment on all the subjects touched upon by the President, but the fine thing about the whole utterance was the spirit which rang through it—a splendid humanity, a fine optimism, a great belief in the people. The man from the White House never appeared to better advantage as a democrat, whether that word be spelled with a little or big D.

All But Seven Counties Send Students to M. U.

With the exception of seven counties, every county in the State of Missouri sends one or more students to the University at Columbia.

Boone County, of course, being the home of the University sends the most students, 521. The two counties in which the two largest cities in the state are located come next, Jackson County sending 257, and St. Louis 224. Jasper is next with 80, and then comes Buchanan with 61, Pettis 49, Audrain 33, and Lafayette, Nodaway and Linn 30 each.

Worth County, with but an area of 270 square miles, sends 13 students. The largest county in the state, Texas, sends two students.

Atchison County, in the extreme northwest corner of the state, sends 11 students; Clark County, in the extreme northeast corner, sends 7; McDonald County, in the extreme southeast corner, sends 3; and Dunklin County, in the extreme southeastern part, along with Pemisoot County sends 7, Pemisoot County sends 6 students.

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First Day, Monday, February 8, 1915.

Wilson, Laura and John, minors, Ida Hyde Wilson, curatrix.  
Hulver, Mary, minor, Ed Hulver, curator.

Bodenstab, Mary, minor, Wm. Bodenstab, curator.  
Uphaus, August, deceased, J. S. Klingenberg, administrator.

Taubman, Robert, deceased, E. M. and R. T. Taubman, executors.

Lewis, Albert, insane, Dan G. Jackson, curator.

Schmidt, William, insane, Chris Tempel, guardian.

Golladay, Helen, minor, Henry Golladay, curator.

Second Day, Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1915.

Parrett, Ila, et al., minors, Samuel L. McBurney, curator.

Schaefer, Pauline, et al., minors, Fred Meinershagen, curator.

Ritter, Gilbert, minors, Daniel Hoefer, curator.

Frick, Henry Wallace and Lois minors, Creigh Frick, curator.

Cramer, Lelia, insane, I. H. Noyes, guardian.

Frerking, Wm. et al., minors, Louis Frerking, curator.

John Ficken, insane, Louis Wieking, curator.

Ernst, Martin E., minor, Chas. Ernst, Curator.

Third Day, Wednesday, Feb. 10, 1915.

Bergman, Esther, minor, E. Bergman, curator.

Atkinson, Archer et al., minors, Jeff Atkinson, curator.

Frerking, Elmer et al., minors, Emma Frerking, curator.

Stock, Henry, minor, Sophia Stock, curatrix.

Jacobs, Ina, minor, Oliver Wilcox, curator.

Hill, Buell G. and Mary E., minors, Wm. Fette, curator.

Larkin, James Paul and Martha Ruth, minors, Mary C. Larkin, curatrix.

Dillard, Florence Bird and Lee Davis, minors, Lee J. Slusher, curator.

Fourth Day, Thursday, Feb. 11, 1915.

Neill, Cecelia F., deceased, M. D. Wilson, administrator.

Legate, Fred, deceased, Grace Legate, administratrix.

Baskett, Fannie M., deceased, Noble E. Baskett, administrator.

Brackmann, Edward A., deceased, Magdalena Brackmann, executrix. Arthur Brackman, executor.

Whitsitt, Henry Thompson, deceased, Gilbert Jennings, executor.

Cooke, J. V., deceased, W. H. Cooke, executor.

Shull, Godfrey W., deceased, Ernest Shull and Chas. Lyons, executors.

Heyenbrock, Mary, deceased, John August Heyenbrock, administrator.

Fifth Day, Friday, Feb. 12, 1915.

Sherman, Daniel M., deceased, D. Warren Sherman, administrator.

Wolkwitz, Margaret, deceased, Samuel Wolkwitz, administrator.

Waters, Dionysius J., deceased, James P. Chinn, surviving executor.

Bailey, Joseph W., deceased, Eliza F. Bailey, executrix.

Litchen, John, deceased, John H. Mindrup, administrator with will annexed.

Reid, Katharine G., deceased, Wm. V. A. Catron, executor.

Horn, Rebecca, deceased, L. T. Land, administrator.

Aull, Mary E., deceased, William Aull, executor.

Sixth Day, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1915.

Price, John, deceased, Sarah Francis Price, executrix.

Bessinger, Chas., deceased, Samuel T. Ellis, administrator.

Evans, Allen Buford, deceased, Esella Evans, administratrix.

Fulkerson, Jacob J., deceased, Blanche Fulkerson, administratrix.

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Seventh Day, Monday, Feb. 15, 1915.

Klingenberg Catherine, deceased, J. S. Klingenberg, administrator.

Graham, James W., deceased, Walter W. Graham, administrator.

Bradley, Catherine, deceased, R. E. S. Booton, executor.

Gordon, Catherine F., deceased, Ella White, executrix.

Ardinger, John P., insane, Horace F. Ardinger, guardian.

Richardson, Cynthia A., deceased, Wm. T. Jenkins, deceased.

Bergmann, Martin, deceased, Louise Bergmann, administratrix.

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the docket for the February Term, 1915, of the Probate Court of Lafayette County, Missouri, as set by the Judge of said Court.

STEPHEN N. WILSON.

Judge of Probate.

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